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and Short Hairpin RNA

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment under 37 CFR 1.115(a) (14 pages); and
3. Return Postcard

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 07/01/2005, Applicants elect Group IV, claims 38-49, 63-71, 81-90, and 96-97.

Applicants elect "cationic and modified cationic polymers" as the delivery agent and "siRNAs" as the RNAi inducing entities.

Applicants elect polyethyleneimine as the species of cationic polymer. Claims readable on the species are: 1-25, 27-49, and 81-99, of which claims 38-49, 81-90, and 98-99 are pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful consideration of this case. Should any questions arise in connection with this Response to Restriction Requirement or the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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